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FLYING SPLICING TAPE TO A ROLL OF SHEET MATERIAL

Commissioner for Patents
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- ☒ Applicant's Statement Of Substance Of Interview (2 pgs.).
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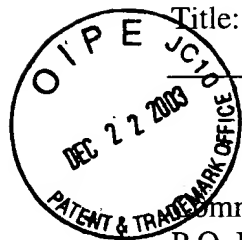
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APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir/Madam:

On November 24, 2003, the undersigned participated in an Examiner-initiated interview regarding the pending application. During that interview, no exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted. Claims 1-43 were discussed relative to the Kishi et al. reference cited by the Examiner in previous Office Action's. To this end, the Examiner stated that Applicant's previously-presented arguments regarding the Kishi et al. reference were persuasive. The Examiner further stated that in light of this conclusion, the Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2003 would be withdrawn, and that a subsequent Office Action will be issued by the Examiner at a future time that will either be a non-final rejection based upon newly cited prior art or a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner stated that because the August 15, 2003 Final Office Action was being withdrawn, no further action by the Applicant was required until mailing of this next Office Action.

Receipt of the Examiner's Interview Summary, mailed November 28, 2003, is hereby acknowledged. It is understood that the Examiner's Interview Summary statement that "the previous rejection is rescinded" serves to withdraw the August 15, 2003 Final Office Action such that Applicant is no longer under an obligation to file a further Response to this Final Office Action.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this statement.



Respectfully submitted,

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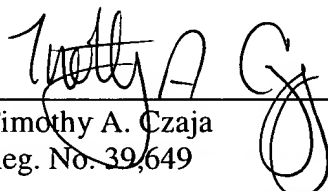
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